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To: Hadi Razzaq, Managing Attorney, Investigations Unit
From: Jackson Holland, Senior Investigator, Investigations Unit
Date: 3/4/19
Re: San Francisco Police Report on Jeff Adachi's Death

On Sunday, 2/24/19, I drove to Telegraph Place in San Francisco, CA, which is where I had read online that Mr. Adachi's body was recovered. On Telegraph Place, I saw a woman with a large video camera in front of 46 Telegraph Place, filming the exterior of the building. The woman turned around and asked me if I lived nearby and if I knew about what happened at the building a couple of days before. I told her that I had heard about it, but just what had been reported in the news. I did not identify myself as an employee of the Public Defender's Office. I believe she assumed that I was someone who lived in the neighborhood.

The woman identified herself as a reporter for KRON 4 news. She told me that the story of what happened was developing because a police report related to Jeff Adachi's death had been offered for sale to news outlets for \$2,500 by a "stringer." She said that because KRON 4 is independent, it could not afford to pay the stringer, however, other news outlets had purchased the police report. She seemed frustrated that the other news groups could afford the report and hers could not. She went on to describe some of the details that she had seen in the written police report and the police photographs of the scene.

I was curious about the stringer. I asked, "Wait, there's a guy that makes money selling police reports?" She said, "Yeah, you should watch this movie called *Nightcrawler* with Jake Gyllenhaal." She was very matter of fact that this is how it works and that, yes, a stringer was paid \$2,500 per copy of the police report of Jeff Adachi's death.

I did not ask for the name of the stringer. I did not ask who gave the stringer the police report. I did ask for her business card, which she gave me, and that I am attaching with this letter.

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